to States which had lapsed during the current year and also during last year;

(b) the amount of grants lying unutilised for drought and employment generation programmes; and

(c) the names of such States which have asked for more funds even though they could not utilize the grants already given to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN TUB DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVE LOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OP AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV); (a) Under the major Rural Development Programmes of ,IRDP, RLEGP and NREP carry over balances from year to year is permissible. The excess amount of carry on funds over and above the permissible ceiling of 20 per cent is adjusted against the subse quent year's allocation. Accordingly, there is no lapse of funds under these programmes. Under NREP and RLEGP. however, foodgrains are also released in addition to the cash funds given to the States. During 1986-87, a quantity of 1612079 MTs of foodgrains was released to the States|UTs. under NREP and 1041240 MTs under RLEGP. As per the bills received from the FCI so far, 1455527 MTs were lifted under NREP and 889411 MTs of foodgrains under RLEGP. The balance amount which was not lifted had thus lapsed.

As regards, DPAP another major rural development programme, Rs. 26.25 lakhs in the case of Bihar and Rs. 20.24 lakhs in the case of West Bengal are reported to have lapsed during the year 1986-87. The position about the 'aPS6 of grant during the current year will be known only at the end of the year.

(b) The unutilised resources(cash funds and foodgrains) at the end of the year 1986-87 under NREP and RLEGP were R« 165.27 crores and 159.61 crores respectively.

(c) Under NREP and RLEGP additional Central assistance over and above the allocations is released to the States] UTs. on the basis of better performance and availability of funds on account of savings. During 1986-87 additional funds under NREP and RLEGP were given to the States of Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Mizoram, Nagaland, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh and UTs. of A & N Islands, Goa, Daman & Diu and Pondicherry. During the current year funds have been released out of likely savings to Gujarat Govt, for release to Distt. of Kutch and Jamnagar under RLEGP. States of Rajasthan & Uttar Pradesh and UTs. of A & N Is. lands and Pondicherry have asked for additional grants under NREP although they have not utilised fully the resour- -ces given upto the end of September, 1987. Rajasthan State has asked for additional funds under DPAP in view of severe drought conditions in the Stale.

Vacant posts in Government of India press Minto Road and Ring Road

92. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have partially relaxed the ban in filling up the vacant posts in Government of India Presses;

(b) if so. how many vacant posts have been filled up after relaxation of the ban through direct recruitment in Government of India Press at Minto Road and Ring Road and what is the present position of vacancies therein category-wise; and

(c) what action the Press Authorities have taken to fill up the vacant posts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Government have relaxed the ban on filling up the vacancies in the Central Government offices arising due to promotion, retirement, death, resigns-. tion, dismissallremoval and deputation subject to the abolition of the post found surplus as a result of the review of the Cabinet Secretary's Committee. This relaxation has not been fully allowed in

Government of India Presses due to impending decision to close down three Government of India Presses and one From Store and modernisation of Minto Road Press which is under process. However, the posts which are essentia] are being filled up on merits of each case. 11 and 3 vacant posts in Minto Road Press and Ring Road Press have been filled up respectively. At present the vacancy position in these two presses category-wise is as under:—

Name of the Press	Group 'C	Group 'D'
GIP Minto Road	194	37
GIP Ring Road	54	30

Approval of Television serial Manoranjan

93. SHRI B1R BHADRA PRATAP SINGH; Will the Minister of INFOR-MATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that generally Television serials are approved in 13 episodes and extensions are given to the producers after approval of first four episodes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the above policy has not been kept in view while approving serial titled 'Manoranjan' which has been approved in 19 episodes at a stretch;

(c) if so, what ate the reasons for this preferential treatment to the producer of this serial; and

(d) whether it is a fact that the last episode of 'Manoranjan' has been allowed to be telecast in 40 minutes and if so, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA) (a) to (d) In serials where each episode stands on its own like Ek Kahani, Terah Panne, etc., Doordarshan generally ap-proves 13 episodes in the first instance. In serials, however, where there is a run-ning storyline the number of episodes is decided keeping in mind the requirement of the storyline and it could be 13 episodes or more. The serial Manoranjan which has a running story line has been approved for 20 episodes, none of which is of 40 minutes duration.

All proposals for extension are considered strictly on merit.

TV serial Manoranjan and Intzaar

94. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH; Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that producer, director and other technicians of the serials titled 'Manoranjan' and 'Intzaar' are the same;

(b) if so, what are the names of persons associated with the above two serials;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the Deputy Directors General of Doordarshan and his son are involved in the approval of the above serials knowing well that the producers, etc. of the above serial are the same having different banners; and

(d) if so, what are the full details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI AJIT PANJA); (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.